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rom the time you pick up a firearm, you become part of a system over which YOU have complete control.

- Emphasizing the basics
- enrolling in hunter safety or shooting safety courses
- Beginners must be closely supervised
- You have an obligation

e the only part of the system that can make a gun safe—or

Point Muzzle in safe direction

- Most basic safety rule
- Never point your gun
- A safe direction means...
- It’s your responsibility

Unload when not in use

- Only when you are in the field
- Secured in safe place
- Unload as soon as you are finished
- Always visually check the chamber
- For maximum safety- “unload”

Don’t’ rely on the gun’s “safety”

- The “safety” is a mechanical device that can fail
- It serves as a supplement to proper gun handling
- Keep you fingers away from the trigger
- Never rest a loaded gun against any object

Know your target and Beyond

- Once fired, you have no control
- Make sure you know exactly what you are shooting at
- Bullet travel distance & velocity
- Don’t forget about ricochets

Use the correct Ammunition

- Read and heed all warnings
- One wrong round can wreck your gun or you!
- Improper reloads are dangerous
- Check each round as you load

If you gun fails – handle with care!

- Keep muzzle pointed in a safe direction
- Keep face away from the breech
- A failed round can go off at any time

Eye & Ear Protection

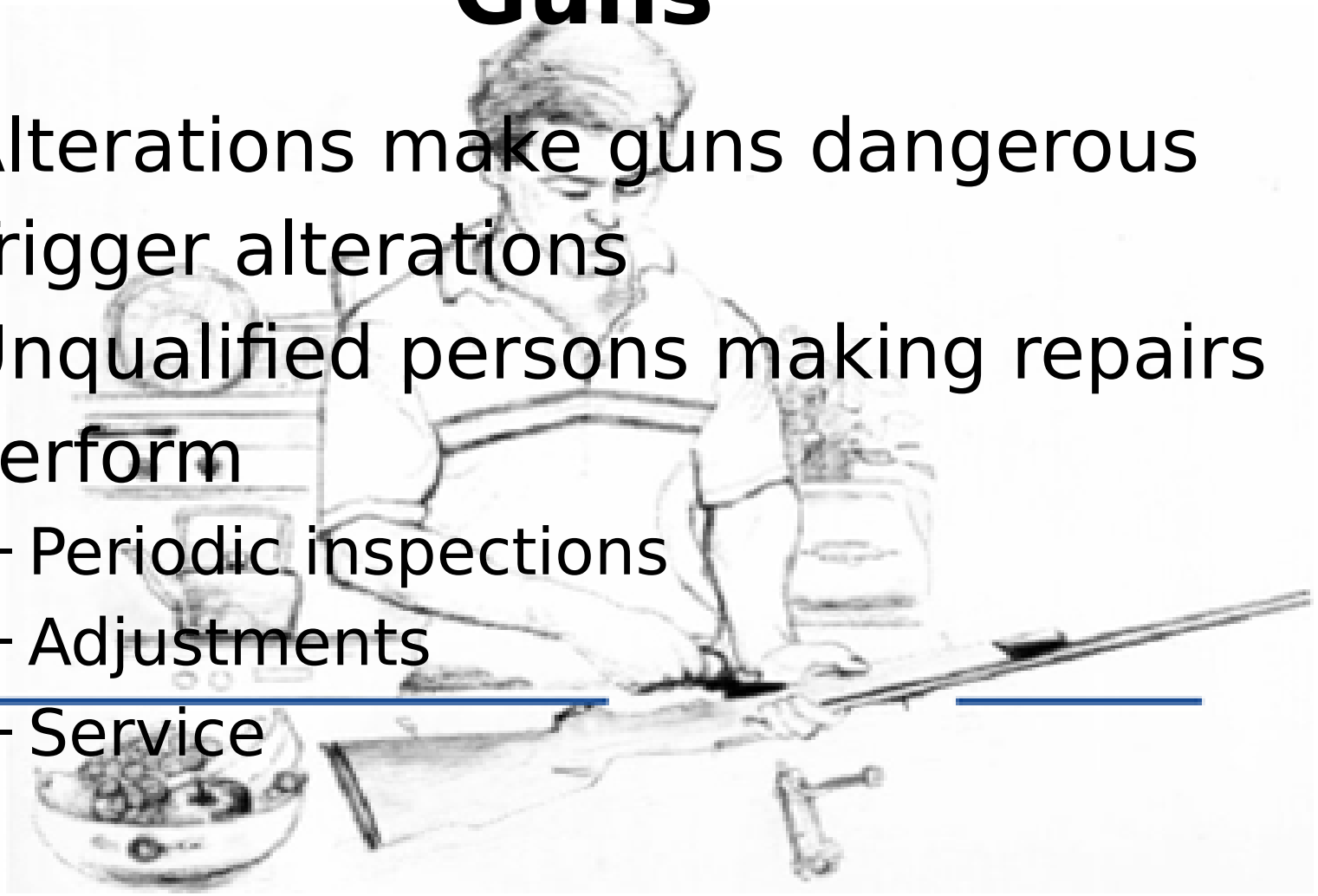
- Shooting noise damages hearing
- Shooting glasses will protect you from malfunctions, twigs, falling shot, clay target chips and more
- This one’s for you

Be Sure the Barrel Is Clear

- Small amounts of mud, snow, grease or oil can dangerously increase pressures
- Clean the bore before shooting
- If noise or recoil feels wrong, cease fire and check it out!
- Pay close attention to each cartridge you insert

Don’t Alter or Modify Guns

- Alterations make guns dangerous
- Trigger alterations
- Unqualified persons making repairs
- Perform
  - Periodic inspections
  - Adjustments
  - Service



Mechanical & Handling Characteristics

- Methods vary
- Familiarized yourself
- Manufacturers recommendation
- Having a gun is a full-time job

There is no such thing as a foolproof gun.

Remember the Basics

1. Always Keep The Muzzle Pointed In A Safe Direction
2. Firearms Should Be Unloaded When Not Actually In Use
3. Don't Rely On Your Gun's "Safety"
4. Be Sure Of Your Target And What's Beyond It
5. Use Correct Ammunition
6. If Your Gun Fails To Fire When The Trigger Is Pulled, Handle With Care!
7. Always Wear Eye And Ear Protection When Shooting
8. Be Sure The Barrel Is Clear Of Obstructions Before Shooting
9. Don't Alter Or Modify Your Gun, And Have Guns Serviced Regularly
10. Learn The Mechanical And Handling Characteristics Of The Firearm You Are Using

ALCOHOL, DRUGS AND GUNS DON'T MIX

QUESTIONS?